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March 15, 2000

Joe Dunlop Resource Design Solutions, Inc. 12430 South Redwood Road Riverton, Utah 84065

Re: <u>Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Resource Design</u> Solutions, Inc., RDS 62, 61, 103, 104 (S/023/066); and RDS 502 (S/023/067), Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dunlop:

On March 14, 2000, we received your two Notices of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial permit application fee for each notice. The applications for the proposed RDS 61, 62, 103 and 104 project (S/023/066), located in the N1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 6, and the proposed RDS 502 (S/023/067), located in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 13, T12S, R7W, SLBM, Juab County, Utah are complete and no additional information is required at this time. You may commence with your operations as soon as you have received written approval from the BLM.

Please be advised that the permit fee is an annual fee due on the Division fiscal year. The 2000 fee will be due again in July. Another billing will be sent at that time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining

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operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We have forwarded a copy of your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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